GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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HEALTH SERVICES IN PRIVATE HOSPITALS
MAHESHWAR SINGH

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to bring a Central Legislation to ensure the quality of services available in rapidly increasing private clinics, nursing homes and other related establishments as well as to prescribe minimum standards for their employees alongwith basic infrastructure facilities therein;

(b) if so, whether the Government also contemplate to constitute Accredition Council of the elected persons and professionals;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government have also proposed to set-up Accredition Council at the State level?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): In the proposed legislation, there is a provision for establishment of a `Central Council for laying down norms for assessment, accreditation, inspection, certification, regulation and maintenance of records. The council will comprise members from Medical Council of India, Dental Council of India,Pharmacy Council of India, Indian Nursing Council, representatives of clinical establishments, Director General of Health Services etc.

(d): In the proposed legislation, there is also a provision for establishment of State Assessment and Accreditation Council at States level.